

History Graduate Programme Newsletter

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Graduate Programme Open Meeting

There will be an open meeting of all graduate students to discuss the report of the external evaluation of the programme on 19 April at 7 PM in Norris 221. This meeting is open to both graduate students and faculty.

Conferences, Anyone?

As the academic year grinds to a close, you may have had enough of listening to presentations of historians' work. However, if you still have some stamina left here are three conferences within relatively easy reach of Montreal in the months ahead. In honour of the bicentennial of the French Revolution there will be a conference at the Université de Montréal dealing with "Rousseau et la Révolution" from 25 to 28 May. Speakers will be coming from France, Canada and the United States. For further information, call Jean Roy in the philosophy department of U de M at 343-6008.

From 1 to 3 June the Canadian Historical Association will be holding its annual convention at Université Laval in Quebec City. Robert Tittler has agreed to try to organize car pools for those who might want to travel down Autoroute 20 for the day.

The final conference of relevance will take place on 22 and 23 September at Niagara University in New York state. This is the annual meeting of the New York State Association of European Historians. Papers by advanced graduate students are invited and proposals should be sent by 1 May to Professor Fred Marquardt, Department of History, Syracuse University.

Grades and Deadlines

These are subjects that have to be raised at this time of the year. All grades for graduate courses must be handed in by faculty by 30 April unless an IP mark has been permitted. IPs may only be carried until 31 July.

Teaching Assistantships

There is good news to report on this front. The Dean of Arts and Sciences, Charles Bertrand, has responded to our appeal and has increased the funds available to the department for teaching assistantships by \$9000 for the coming year. This is our first such increase in over a decade.

Awards

It is always pleasant to announce the winners of awards instead of simply announcing the existence of grants. The history department did better than any other department in the recent competition for Concordia University Fellowships. Ivan Wang, a doctoral student in Canadian history, Andrea Levy, who holds an MA from Concordia and who will be returning to do a doctorate in European history, and Keith Adams, a graduate of Concordia's Classics department who will be in our MA programme next year, were all winners. Félicitations.

There are also other winners to announce. Glen McKnight, who recently completed his MA with us, has just accepted a doctoral fellowship to pursue his studies at Queens University. The faculty has also held up its end. Graham Carr was awarded SSHRC general research funds through the university to support his project on nineteenth century literary criticism in English-Canada.

Now back to the announcement of awards for which one can apply. The Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club is offering an \$800 award to a woman residing on the West Island who is returning to university to pursue post-graduate studies. The deadline for application is 30 April. For further information, call Jan Bowland at 695-6919.

Notice has also been received regarding the annual competition sponsored by the Institut québécois de recherche sur la culture (IQRC) of its Prix Edmond-de-Nevers. This prize will be awarded for major essays of theses at the MA level touching upon the broad topic of culture. The work that is submitted to the competition should have been completed between 1 October 1988 and 30 September 1989. There is no indication that submitted work must be in French. To apply a student only needs to send a copy of the work along with an abstract and evidence that it has been accepted by the University to the IQRC, 14 rue Haldimand, Quebec, by 13 October. For further information, call Giséle Bolduc at 418-643-4695. Oh yes, you want to know the prize? The winner is promised that the work in question will be published by the Institut. In other words, this is a classic academic reward-glory but no cash!

The Gossip Column

On the publication front, Carolyn Fick's manuscript "The St-Domingue Revolution From Below" has been accepted for publication by the University of Tennessee Press with publication slated for mid-1990.

Finally, as befits the last newsletter of the year, here is the status of the comings and goings of faculty as we head into a new year. This is presumably of some use to graduate students trying to figure out the whereabouts of supervisors! Returning in the fall will be Fred Bode (back from an exchange with San Diego State University) and Richard Diubaldo (back from sabbatical). There will also be a new Canadian historian with us for next year, but this person's identity is not yet known as the selection process is as yet unfinished. Leaving will be Neil Heyman who returns to San Diego State, and Walter van Nus and Ron Rudin, both of whom are leaving on sabbatical.

Adieu

As of 1 June I will be in Paris, and while I considered spending the year as the newsletter's European correspondent I ultimately decided to sever my ties. Let me just take the opportunity to thank all of those who made the newsletter possible by sending me bits and pieces of paper in the course of the year. RR.